

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB DEPRATU**, on January 15, 2003 at 9 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bob DePratu, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr., Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. John C. Bohlinger (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Bill Glaser (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Walter McNutt (R)
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Roberta Opel, Committee Secretary

Video-taped Committee: This is the video log of a committee hearing. The log provides a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 161, 1/12/2003; SB 159,
1/12/2003
Executive Action: SB 161; SB 159; SB 82, SB 158

HEARING ON SB 161

Opening Statement by Sponsor: **SEN. JOHN COBB, SD 25, Augusta,** opened on SB 161; an act increasing the amount of coal severance taxes allocated to the Treasure State Endowment Fund.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

9:02am Eric Burke, Montana Education Association (MEA) and
Montana Federation of Teachers (MFT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

9:03am Begin
9:10am End
7 min Elapsed time

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 161

Motion/Vote: SEN. MIKE TAYLOR moved that SB 161 DO PASS. Motion
carried 10-1 with SEN. JON ELLINGSON voting no.

Discussion:

9:12am Begin
9:15am End
3 min Elapsed time

Substitute Motion/Vote: Motion by VICE-CHAIRMAN BOB STORY TO
TABLE SB 161 carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 159

Motion: SEN. JOHN BOHLINGER moved that SB 159 DO PASS.

Discussion:

9:16am Begin
9:18am End
2 min Elapsed time

Motion/Vote: VICE-CHAIRMAN STORY moved that AMENDMENT
SB015901.alh BE ADOPTED **EXHIBIT**(tas08a01). Motion carried
unanimously.

Motion: SEN. BOHLINGER moved that SB 159 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

9:18am Begin
9:37am End
19 min Elapsed time

Substitute Motion: SEN. JIM ELLIOTT made a substitute motion to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE SB 159.

Substitute Motion: SEN. ELLINGSON moved that **Executive Action on SB 159 BE POSTPONED.**

Motion: SEN. BOHLINGER withdrew his **DO PASS** motion.

Discussion:

9:38am Begin
9:41am End
3 min Elapsed time

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 82

Motion: SEN. BOHLINGER moved that SB 82 DO PASS AS AMENDED AMENDMENT SB008202.alh.**EXHIBIT**(tas08a02)

Discussion:

9:41am Begin
9:44am End
3 min Elapsed time

NOTE:

CHAIRMAN BOB DEPRATU appointed a sub-committee to work on SB 82.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 158

Motion/Vote: VICE-CHAIRMAN STORY moved that SB 158 DO PASS.
EXHIBIT(tas08a03)

Substitute Motion/Vote: SEN. ELLIOTT made a substitute motion to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE SB 158. Substitute motion **carried 10-2** with SENATORS TOOLE and HARRINGTON voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10 A.M.

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SEN. BOB DEPRATU, Chairman

ROBERTA OPEL, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tas08aad)